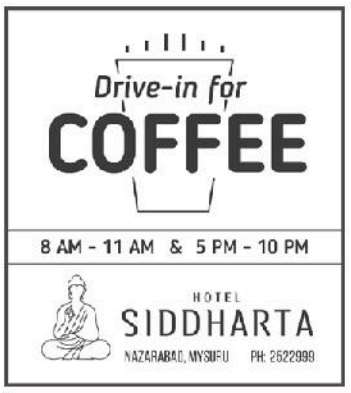

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Scene of Crime Officers report for duty in Mysuru

- These new designated Officers deployed to strengthen evidence gathering in criminal cases
- Karnataka Police to have 196 SoC Officers; Mysuru gets 4

Mysuru, June 14 (RK&BCT)- Four Scene of Crime Officers (SoC officers) have reported to duty in Mysuru after obtaining rigorous training on evidence gathering at crime scenes. The four men are part of a 196-member squad which has been officially inducted into the Karnataka State Police Service.

These trained investigators have undergone training at the National Forensic Sciences University in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, the Central Forensic Science Laboratory in Hyderabad and Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) in Mysuru. This is a first-of-its-kind initiative in Karnataka launched by the previous Government where a dedicated section of personnel have taken over the responsibilities of securing a crime scene.

The SoC officers who have joined the Mysuru District force are Abhishek from Arasikere

K.N. Bhargav

B.S. Subhash

K. Mohit Kumar

Abhishek

near Hassan and K. Mohit Kumar from Koppal. The two officers who will work with the City Commissionerate are K.N. Bhargav and B.S. Subhash. Their native details are unavailable now as the officers were collecting evidence at the crime scene this morning at KSRTC Layout near the Outer Ring Road Junction on the Mysuru-T. Narasipur Road where a man strangled his wife.

All the SoC officers who have reported in Mysuru have B.Sc as their educational qualification as evidence gathering needs scientific basis. The recruitment has been made by the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) after eight months of training.

Till now, many crime cases failed in Court of law due to lack of scientific evidence and analysis and this resulted in a poor conviction rate.

Henceforth, the SoC officers will be responsible for gathering crucial evidence from crime scenes. They will be responsible for identifying, recording and collecting evidence at the crime scene, including fingerprints, DNA samples and other evidence.

They will most importantly preserve sensitive evidence from the crime spot so that they lead to conviction. The officers will also work with forensic experts and the Investigating Officers (IO) to analyse evidence and help solve crimes and ensure conviction. With their induction, chances of errors in collecting and handling evidence will become less and the Police investigators will be able to focus on their probe.

Apart from collecting evidence, the Officers will provide training to other Police on crime scene investigation techniques and develop and implement new crime scene investigation procedures. In addition, they will advise the IO on the admissibility of evidence in the Court of law.

The introduction of SoC Officers is a significant development in the Karnataka Police. It will help improve the quality of investigations and ensure that evidence is properly collected and preserved. With this it is more likely that criminals are brought to justice.

'SHAKTI' EFFECT

School kids struggle to board crowded KSRTC buses

Hunsur, June 14 (KK, BLU & BCT)- While the Congress Government's 'Shakti' scheme, which provides free bus travel for women, has significantly increased the daily ridership of Karnataka's four Road Transport Corporations by an average of 28 percent, it has created new challenges for students who rely on KSRTC buses for their commute.

The surge in ridership has resulted in overcrowding, particularly in city and sub-urban buses, with instances of buses carrying well over 100 to 110 passengers, exceeding their intended capacity.

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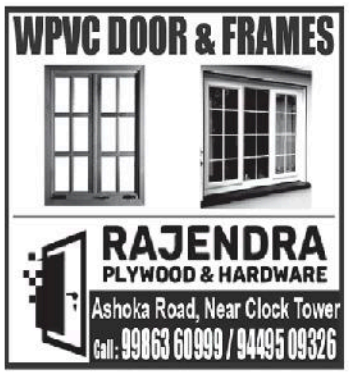

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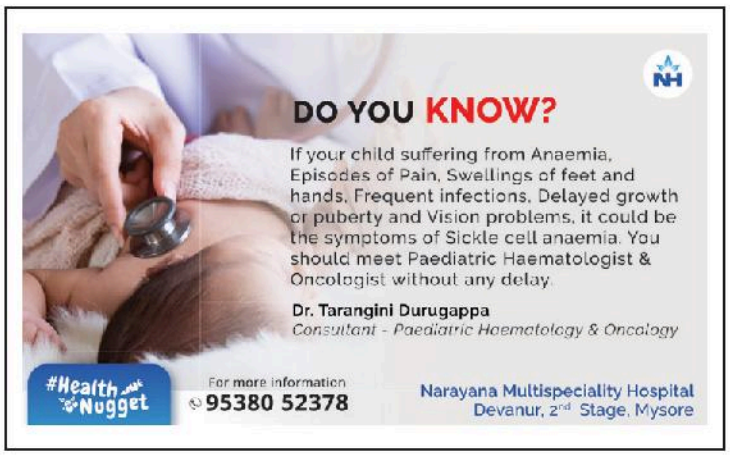
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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 14th June 2023

Statewide stir by farmers in front of DC Office tomorrow

To seek repealment of Anti-farmer Laws

Mysuru, June 14 (PM&DM)- Seeking repeal of amendments to Land Reforms Act, APMC Amendment Act and Anti-Cow Slaughter Act which were introduced by the BJP Government, the Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS) will hold a 'Raitagraha' stir in front of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Offices in all districts of the State on June 15.

Announcing this at a press meet here recently, KRRS President Badagalapura Nagendra said that the farmers would hold a Statewide stir from 11 am to 1 pm in front of the DC Offices on that day to press the Government for repealing the three Acts, which are detrimental to the interests of the farmers. During the stir, a letter will be shot off to the Chief Minister (CM) demanding framing of farmer-friendly policies.

He further said that both CM Siddharamaiah and Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar, who had strongly opposed the Acts when they were in the Opposition, should now show commitment and take immediate measures for repealment of the Anti-farmer Laws.

KRRS office-bearers Netravathi, Naganahalli Vijayendra, Mandakalli Mahesh, Virupaksha and others were present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

As per the scheme guidelines, the Transport Department will issue 'Shakti Smart Cards' after receiving applications from women through the Seva Sindhu Portal. An online application process can exclude disadvantaged and marginalised women due to the complex nature of the process. As opposed to opening opportunities for women, the digital application process for smart cards excludes them from availing themselves of the benefits of the scheme. Neither do all women have access to digital devices and the internet, nor does everyone possess the requisite digital literacy skills to be able to navigate and apply solely through a digital application process.

In fact, unless the Government intends to set up a vast network of physical kiosks that facilitate the application process, coupled with an effective Statewide door-to-door campaign to enrol all women, the scheme may leave out some of the most disadvantaged women. In contrast, in both Delhi and Tamil Nadu, women travellers are issued distinct free-of-cost tickets without the need to be registered anywhere.

While implementation of the scheme is at one end of the spectrum, it is imperative that the Government regularly monitor its implementation and conduct periodic studies on the impact of the scheme. Such studies can also aim to better understand travel patterns, which can inform any decisions undertaken to make the cities more sustainable, comfortable and safe for women. The scheme only reinforces the responsibility of the Government to carry out its responsibilities better, as demand will increase, necessitating that more buses are brought in, more manpower is pooled in and funding supports the scheme. Ultimately, even though free bus travel will bring more women onto public transport, hopefully one day women will also feel safe in public spaces.

— Sneha Priya Yanappa in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Funeral firm's quirky coffin designs

Edinburgh: A funeral firm is hoping to "break the taboo" of talking about death by offering custom-made coffins, which includes a casket designed like a Greggs sausage roll.

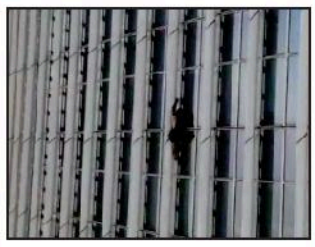
Bosses at Go As You Please say no ideas are off limits to help make a difficult day a little lighter.

Suggested designs include the Doctor Who Tardis, a pint of Tennent's Lager and a bottle of Bell's whisky.

There's also Star Wars, Game of Thrones, The Walking Dead, Harry Potter and Only Fools and Horses designs to help spark ideas.

The firm - which has branches in the north-east of England and in Edinburgh in Scotland - said the coffins are built to the needs of each individual customer.

Man detained after climbing Seoul skyscraper



Seoul: A British man was detained after climbing more than half way up the world's fifth-tallest skyscraper in Seoul with only his bare hands on Monday.

More than 90 emergency, Police and other personnel were dispatched to the 123-story, 1,820-ft.-tall Lotte World Tower, after the man was spotted scaling the building on Monday morning, the Seoul fire agency said in a statement.

The man, in his 20s, reached the 72nd floor, which is about 1,020 ft. high, before officials took him to a gondola lift and moved him inside the building, the statement said.

The man was identified as free climber George King-Thompson. The reports said he was carrying a parachute and told Police that he wanted to BASE-jump from the top of the building.

Fire and Police authorities didn't immediately confirm the man's name or his motive.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Myth: PCOS can be cured.

Reality: Polycystic ovarian syndrome can be controlled by diet and exercise and medications.

By Dr. Shaheen Akhtar - Consultant – Obstetrics and Gynecology, Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

Calling Law graduates

Mysuru, June 14- The Social Welfare Department has invited applications from Law graduates of 2023-24 academic year, belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC) community, to avail student scholarship under its Law Practice training programme. Eligible candidates may apply online after registering through the Social Welfare Department portal *(https://sw.kar.nic.in/)* between June 15 and July 15.

After registering online, documents should be attested by a Gazetted Officer and then submitted at the respective Taluk Social Welfare Department Joint Director's office before July 15, , according to a press release from the Joint Director of Social Welfare Department, Mysuru district.

Post-Matric Scholarship and Incentives for SC students

Mysuru, June 14- The Social Welfare Department has invited applications from students belonging to SC community to avail post-matric student scholarships provided by the Department for the year 2022-23.

The annual family income of the students must not exceed Rs. 2.5 lakh. Eligible candidates may submit applications by logging on to ***https://ssp.postmatric.karnataka.gov.in/***

Last date to apply is June 20. Students pursuing Medical, Engineering, MBA and MCA course too can apply. Students must visit their respective banks and link their Aadhaar numbers to their bank accounts in National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI).

Incentives: The Social Welfare Department will also be providing incentives to students belonging to SC community, who have passed II PUC, 3-year Polytechnic Diploma, Graduation, Post-Graduation and Professional courses in first attempt. Eligible students may apply through State Scholarship Portal (***sw.kar.nic.in***) before Aug. 31.

For details of both the benefits mentioned above, contact the Assistant Director of the Department or call Ph: 0821-2520910.

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- ***Earthworms don't have eyes. Instead, they depend on their receptor cells located on their skin. These receptor cells are highly sensitive to light and touch. They have a hydrostatic skeleton and a sleek body that is well streamlined. This adaptation enables them to squeeze into very tight spaces.***
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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A little boy stands in front of a house and cries. A guy sees him and asks, *"Why are you crying, little boy?"*

Boy: *"I can't reach the doorbell."*

The man rings the bell for him and smiles at the boy. The boy smiles back at him and says, *"Great, and now we just have to run away very quickly!"*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.29
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.80
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.40
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.78

VOICE OF THE READER

Think before making unrealistic promises

Sir,

There has been a lot of confusion and chaos regarding the election promise of the "Five Guarantees" by the present Congress Government of Karnataka.

It would have been more decent if only the Congress party had thought twice before making such unrealistic promises. However, I do agree with Rama Jagadishan *(Gruha Jyothi Guarantee: Why can't Govt. follow simple and straightforward approach?* in *SOM* dated June 11) who feels that the Government must retract Gruha Jyothi (200 units of free electricity to all) and replace it with a clear declaration that the price per unit will be reduced with immediate effect. That will solve the confusion and our people are more wise to accept this change.

Another guarantee which is definitely unrealistic is the free payment of money to unemployed youths. This looks absolutely ridiculous and could surely make our youth lazy and irresponsible in the long run !

Rather, lots of employment opportunities could be created at a faster speed by understanding how to rightly tap the human resources. Hope the Government would provide all the five guarantees in a most just and satisfactory manner.

—Kala Chary
Bogadi
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'Archiyouthsav-2023' on June 15, 16

Mysuru, June 14- GSSS School of Architecture for Women, Mysuru, is hosting its annual fest 'Archiyouthsav-2023' on June 15 and 16 to provide a platform for students to showcase their talents.

Archiyouthsav-2023 will be inaugurated by chief guest Ar. Mohan Rao, Principal Designer, Integrated Design (INDE), Bengaluru, on June 15 at 10 am in Seminar Hall, Second Floor, GSSSIETW Campus, KRS Road, Mysuru.

Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy, President, GSSS, Mysuru, will preside. Vanaja Pandit, Hon. Secretary, GSSS, R.K. Bharath, CEO, GSSS, Anupama B. Pandit, Administrative Officer, GSSS and Ar. S. Gurudutt, Principal, GSSS SOAW, Mysuru, will attend the inaugural function. Chief Coordinator Prof. Seema Naveen will be present.

The two-day event comprises various competitions. On first day, design competition, informal competition such as puzzles, stone card, card stacking, bamboo workshop, yarn workshop, Ganjifa workshop and cultural programmes will be conducted.

On second day, there will be a talk by guest speaker Ar. Ravi Gundurao, Inlay art workshop, Informal competitions, Panel discussion, Design competition, Texture Art workshop.

Prize distribution will be held on the final day. Students from various Architecture Schools will participate in this inter-college fest. For details, contact Coordinator Ar. Seema Naveen on Mob: 99452-98550 or Ar. Sharan Patil on Mob: 72041-27515.

'Sumaya Heavenly Homes' launched

Sumaya Properties Pvt. Ltd., Developers and Builders, recently launched their new project 'Sumaya Heavenly Homes' to provide Premium Villa Plots near Goblimara Circle (Sri Vittala Dhaama Road) in JP Nagar, Mysuru. Seen during the launch are Ganapathi Bhat Jothishi, Gumagodu, Shri Kshetra Mahanandhi, Dr. Bhanuprakash Sharma, ex-MLA Sa.Ra. Mahesh, Sumaya Properties Managing Directors Sudhi S. Shetty and Vishakha C. Hegde. 'Sumaya' well-wishers A. Shiva Swamy, Soma Prabha and Vinoda Chintamani were also present.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Science Learning Response camp

The University of Mysore's Centre for Science Education in Schools (CSES) will be organising a week-long 'Science Learning Response' camp for talented rural school children from June 19 to 24 at the Physics Department in Manasagangothri campus. The admission is open to children studying in Government High Schools of the district and the admission is limited to 25 students. [Mob: 94486-00121].

45-day free Yoga classes

In preparation to the International Day of Yoga (IDY) celebrations to be held on June 21, Sri Pathanjali Yoga Shikshana Samiti, Karnataka, Mysuru Branch, will be organising a 45-day free Yogasana, Pranayama and Meditation classes at various locations across the city everyday between 6 am and 7 am starting from June 15. For details, contact Manjunath on Mob: 79753-40190 or Nagendraraje Urs on 90084-90777 or Lakshmi on 94805-65855.

Post Matric Students Hostel

Online applications have been invited for admission to the Post Matric (5th to 10 standard) Students Hostel run by Social Welfare Department for the year 2023-24. To apply log on to the Department website *www.kar.nic.in*. For details, contact the Department Assistant Director at the Department Office in Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Bhavan, Paduvarahalli or call Ph: 0821-2520910.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	82.82 feet
Yesterday	:	83.04 feet
Inflow	:	644 cusecs
Outflow	:	1,768 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,249.72 feet
Inflow	:	757 cusecs
Outflow	:	500 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,818.87 feet
Inflow	:	94 cusecs
Outflow	:	80 cusecs

Online frauds: Four from city lose over Rs. 9 lakh to fraudsters

Mysuru, June 14- In separate cases, four from city have lost a total of Rs. 9,67,229 to online fraudsters.

In the first case, a 45-year-old woman has lost Rs. 6,24,500 to an online fraudster.

The woman, who lost her money, is Roopa, a resident of Saraswathipuram in city. One Anand, who called Roopa on her mobile phone, told her that he belongs to a reputed Mutt in the State and also told her that he would solve her problems.

Anand, who used to call Roopa frequently, made her believe him through his wise talks and it was then Roopa revealed to him that her husband had committed suicide and a case was going on in the Court to which, Anand told her that he would perform a special puja so that the case would be in her favour.

Telling her that the special puja would cost her lakhs of rupees and gave a Bank account number to Roopa asking her to deposit the money and got a total of Rs. 6,24,500 deposited in phases to the account.

Sensing that she has been cheated as she did not hear from Anand after he got the money deposited, Roopa has lodged a complaint at city's Cyber Economic and Narcotics (CEN) Police Station.

In the second case, 46-year-old C. Chandrahas, a resident of Gandhinagar, who came across a loan providing advertisement in Dhani App, called the number displayed in the advertisement.

The person, who received the call, told Chandrahas that he has to pay Rs. 44,750 as insurance and GST fee and got the money transferred, thus cheating Chandrahas.

In the third case, 38-year-old Asma Begum of N.R. Mohalla, a tailor by profession, received a call asking her to provide her debit card details so that her card could be renewed.

As soon as Asma provided the details, a total of Rs. 1,46,979 was withdrawn illegally from her Bank account.

In the fourth case, 41-year-old K.J. Govardhan of Koorgalli, who transferred Rs. 1,51,000 to 'S Ban' account as online investment to fetch high returns, has been cheated.

City's CEN Crime Police, who have registered separate cases, are investigating.

Two Engineering students drown in KRS backwaters

Mysuru, June 14 (BLU&KS)- Two Engineering students, who had gone to KRS backwaters along with their friends were drowned in the waters.

The deceased have been identified as Chiranth (22) of Hassan and Sunil (22) of Bidar. They were pursuing their Engineering course at a private college in city.

The duo, along with their friends, had gone on a jolly ride and ventured into the waters at KRS backwaters for a swim.

The duo swam happily for about 30 minutes and while others were seeing them, they were caught in the strong current and were drowned.

Shocked on seeing their friends getting drowned, others informed the Police and Yelwal Police, who rushed to the spot, summoned expert swimmers and divers to trace and fish out the bodies.

Two persons go missing

Mysuru, June 14- In separate cases, a mechanic and a youth have gone missing from Mandi Police limits in city.

In the first case, a 30-year-old mechanic, who left his house on May 28 at about 12 noon saying that he was going to Kushalnagar on work, has since gone missing. The missing person is Naushad, who was working as a mechanic near Mission Hospital and a resident of Mandi Mohalla in city.

In the second case, a 25-year-old, who left his house on June 5 at about 3 pm, saying that he was going to Madikeri on some work, has since gone missing.

The missing youth is N. Rakesh of Mandi Mohalla, who was working at a private company since four years. Those having any information about the missing persons, may contact Mandi Mohalla Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418313/ 513 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Upa-Lokayukta to receive complaints from public

Mysuru, June 14- Upa-Lokayukta K.N. Phanindra will be undertaking a tour of the district from June 16 to 20 and will be receive complaints from the public regarding delay and corrupt practices in Government Offices at Zilla Panchayat (ZP) auditorium on June 17 from 10 am to 1.30 pm and from 2.30 pm to 5 pm.

K.N. Phanindra

He will also hold enquiry during the above dates. The public can submit their written complaints to the Upa-Lokayukta.

On June 19 from 10 am to 1.30 pm and from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm, the Upa-Lokayukta will hear pending cases lodged at Lokayukta Office pertaining to the district and coming under Upa-Lokayukta limits at the ZP auditorium in front of both the parties.

Complainants and opposite parties should be present at the prescribed time and make use of the opportunity, according to a press release from Mysuru Division's Lokayukta Police Superintendent Suresh Babu.

Man strangles sleeping wife at KSRTC Layout

Mysuru, June 14 (RK&BS)- In a tragic incident that occurred early this morning, a man is alleged to have murdered his wife while she slept by strangling her at their residence in KSRTC Layout near the Outer Ring Road Junction on the Mysuru-T. Narasipur Road.

The deceased has been identified as Pallavi (26), the wife of Lokesh Aradhya. They have been married for seven years and have a seven-year-old son.

Upon receiving information about the incident, a team led by Alanahalli Police Inspector G.N. Srikanth managed to arrest the accused, who had fled the scene after committing the heinous act.

Pallavi, originally from Talakad in T. Narasipur taluk, was involved in a domestic dispute with her husband Lokesh, who works in a private firm and assists in the document verification process of loan applicants.

The Police are currently investigating the case and attempting to ascertain the motive behind the murder and other relevant details. Forensic personnel and a sniffer dog were present at the crime scene, along with City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj, and Assistant Commissioner of Police Devaraja Sub-Division Shanthamallappa.

Obituary

Palachanda Seethamma Woothaiah

Mysuru, June 14- Palachanda Seethamma Woothaiah (Pandanda), wife of late Woothaiah and a resident of No. 1030, 7th Main, Gokulam 3rd Stage, passed away in the early hours of today. She was 89.

She leaves behind one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Her body was donated to JSS Hospital in Mysuru today.

Abdul Rahman Khan

Abdul Rahman Khan (80), retired Head Master, Farooqia Boys High School and a resident of Sawday Road, Mysuru, passed away this morning.

He leaves behind three daughters and a host of friends, relatives and hundreds of students.

Namaz-e-Janaza was offered after Namaz-e-Zohar at 1.45 pm at Masjid-e-Dargahi, Sawday Road, followed by burrial at Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

MLA Tanveer Sait visited his residence and paid his last respects to the departed soul.

Appachettolanda Devaki

Madikeri: Appachettolanda Devaki (Sarasu-Kaliyanda), wife of late A.S. Kalappa and a resident of Hosakeri village, Madikeri, passed away yesterday at the village. She was 83.

She leaves behind sons Manu Muthappa, Harish and Girish and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Hosakeri village yesterday.

Mysuru traders demand rollback of 'unfair' power tariff hike

Mysuru, June 14 (PM&BCT)- The hike in power tariff has distressed the common man, industrialists and traders in Karnataka who are already going through various challenges due to local and global factors beyond their control and according to Federation of Organisations and Associations of Mysuru (FOAM), the most vulnerable sections of traders are finding it difficult to even survive.

Addressing a press conference at Pathrakarthara Bhavan yesterday, office-bearers of FOAM said that the power tariff hike will adversely impact trade, industry and commerce, apart from mounting additional financial burden on the domestic consumers

President of FOAM B.S. Prashanth, Vice-President C. Narayanagowda and Secretary M.R. Rajaram addressed the media while Joint Secretary K.R. Sathyanarayana and Director A. Sudheendra were present.

B.S. Prashanth, President, Federation of Organisations and Associations of Mysuru (FOAM), seen addressing a press meet in city yesterday as** (from left) **Joint Secretary K.R. Sathyanarayana, Secretary M.R. Rajaram, Vice-President C. Narayanagowda and Director A. Sudheendra look on.

The Government has resorted to revise the tariff that violated the regular and annual increases. This time, the fixed charges and fuel adjustment charges have also been hiked with retrospective effect and added to that is the per unit increase. This has unfairly affected the common man and the business community, they said.

"The Government (Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission) has not applied its mind while increasing the tariff as all households will end up paying 100 percent more than the previous bills and the industries will also pay 50 percent more," the office-bearers said.

They threw light on the factors behind the KERC approval for a power tariff hike and deficiencies of the State-owned electricity supply companies in the optimal utilisation of resources, minimising the leakages and the effective recovery mechanisms.

"Why are we consumers forced to pay excessively when there are a host of inefficiencies in the electricity supply companies," they questioned and said that the KERC comes under the State Government and must be held accountable for its decisions. The Government, instead of blaming the KERC, must reconsider the tariff hike, they pointed out.

"If recurring costs like power go up, many industries, traders may be forced to contemplate shutting shop. Those operating in the neighbourhood of other States may even explore possibilities of shifting to other States where such costs are lesser," they added. Increase in fiscal expenditure should not be at the cost of the industry. Any additional burden will end up as a tipping point for industries to take hard measures, they said.

The FOAM has fervently appealed to the Government to first talk to representatives of industry and trade, take stock of their situation and only then consider such issues of tariff revision and roll back the hikes that have already been implemented.

'Need to draw a line between freebies and welfare schemes'

MGP meeting discusses guarantee schemes, their implication on State finances

Mysuru, June 14 (SPN&BCT)- The five guarantee schemes with which the Congress has come to power is the talk of the town now as the schemes are set to make a significant dent in the State finances. While a section of people is terming the guarantees as an integral part of 'freebie culture' to influence voters, others are debating the same as economic empowerment.

These were some of the opinions aired by retired Economics Professor of JSS College Prof. Chintamani at the monthly meeting of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) on Sunday. Distributing freebies has been an indispensable part of India's electoral politics since 1972. Freebies have marked a divide across the political spectrum, with people involved in this discourse of branding freebies as 'good' or 'bad'. Ironically, there is no consensus, he said.

No doubt, implementing the freebies and the guarantees will drain the finances of the State and they will hurt the interests of many while it will benefit a section of the society. "But we will have to bear the consequences for some time," Prof. Chintamani said.

Guarantees are reminders of how essential it is to draw differentiating lines between freebies and welfare schemes. We can't dismiss legitimate welfare programmes as freebies. "Distinguishing between freebies and essential services will require the proper context of time, place and the government's fiscal space," he opined.

Though the Indian Constitution says the State should promote the welfare of people Below the Poverty Line or who cannot progress without support, the election manifestos of political parties often do not honour such distinctions.

"Instead of achieving long-term development goals through the public distribution system, employment guarantee schemes and State support for education and health facilities, freebies and handouts serve as an easy shortcut to woo voters and conceal the failures of the political class," Prof. Chintamani observed.

Other speakers highlighted the economic implications of freebie politics, which poses a tremendous fiscal threat to the State Government. The budget for guarantees is eating up a major share of the regular budget, thus disturbing the level playing field and shaking the roots of free and fair elections, they observed.

Participants of the meeting felt that the impact of freebies should not be looked at from a political lens but should be understood from an economic perspective. "We must differentiate between freebies and targeted social sector expenditure. The need of the hour is to ensure that the beneficiaries are empowered permanently to forgo such benefits and denounce the freebie culture, the participants felt.

Retired Professor and Historian Prof. N.S. Rangaraju, MGP office-bearers and members Sreeshaila Ramannavar, Dr. Shekar S. Iyer, Shobha Sambashivan, Usha Manohar Lal, Jagannath, V.S. Sethuram, B.J. Jwala, Suresh, S.V. Shankar, Kalpana Vishwanathan, Geetha Velumani, D.V. Dayananda Sagar, L.N. Yadav, V. Prabha, Guruprasad, Sachitha, Lalitha Ramanna, Manohar, U.S. Sadashiva and others were present.

District-level Janata Darshan from Aug. 1: Housing Minister

Zameer Ahmed

Bengaluru, June 14 (KMS&BS)- Minister for Housing, Wakf and Minority Welfare B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan has announced that he will be conducting District-level Janata Darshan across the State from Aug. 1.

The Minister said, 'I have decided to go to the people to prevent them from visiting Bengaluru for availing various benefits and facilities provided by the Departments of Housing and Minority Welfare.'

Zameer Ahmed, who conducted a progress review meeting of Karnataka Slum Development Board here recently said, 'Every month I will be holding Janata Darshan at District-level for two days. All the Taluk-level Officers of the district from both the Departments (Housing and Minority Welfare) will be present at Janata Darshan.'

He also issued a deadline of two months for the Officers of both the Departments to redress grievances of the people. If any complaints are received during Janata Darshan or any discrepancies are found at the Officers-level, action will be initiated against such Officers on the spot, warned the Minister.

Pickpockets, vanity bag thieves at bus stands under Police scanner

Mysuru, June 14 (MK&BS)- With a steep increase in the number of women travelling in KSRTC buses after the launch of 'Shakti' scheme, Police have pulled up their socks on the safety front.

Police and Home Guards deployed at KSRTC Sub-Urban and City Bus Stand are keeping a vigil on pickpockets, vanity bag thieves and petty thieves who target gullible women in a hurry to board or alight buses, making away with gold chains, mobile phones and wallets.

Anticipating the chances of fights among passengers in a hurry to board the bus, the Police personnel are deputed to control any such incidents.

The Police are also conducting patrols both inside and outside the bus stands, questioning individuals exhibiting suspicious behaviour or loitering for extended periods in one location.

As a precautionary measure, approximately 160 women Home Guards have been deployed at bus stands to assist female passengers and ensure security at crowded destination areas.

A staff of KSRTC mentioned, "There has been a significant influx of women passengers on buses operating from Mysuru. This surge has also led to increased revenue collection, with routes that previously generated Rs. 3,000 per day now bringing in Rs. 6,000, twice the previous amount. We have observed a rise in the number of devotees travelling to Dharmasthala, Kukke Subramanya and other similar destinations."

City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth stated, "In response to the KSRTC's request, we have deployed an additional 160 Home Guards and Police personnel to maintain law and order at the bus stations, as well as to prevent theft, altercations and any other untoward incidents."

School kids struggle to board buses

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This overcrowding has left no place for School children and it is a struggle for them to reach their Schools on time.

The problem is worsened by the limited number of KSRTC buses and some students were forced to dangerously stand on the bus footboard throughout their journey.

Women, who used to constitute only half of the passengers until recently, now occupy the entire bus and students are struggling to enter the crowded buses. All the buses are packed from 6 am to 9 am — the time when Schools and Colleges start — and from 3 pm to 6 pm — when schools close for the day. Buses are considerably free only from 10.30 am to 2.30 pm

Due to unavailability of additional buses and other means of transport, most students reach their educational institutions beyond 9.45 am now and reach home after 8 pm, exhausted. Seeing their plight, parents have now requested the Government to provide separate bus facilities for School and College students.

There is hardly any space even for men though the Government had promised to reserve 50 percent of the seats to male passengers. Previously, a significant number of people, including women, used to travel in various vehicles such as taxis, vans, minivans and autos, primarily due to the convenience, time factor and lower fares. Women also used these vehicles to commute to private garment factories in Mysuru from many villages in Hunsur and K.R. Nagar.

Every day, over 3,500 women travel to Mysuru to work in various factories and garment units in Mysuru in over 100 vans, mini vans, modified autos and pick-up vehicles and each vehicle carries 20 to 30 passengers. They pay a nominal charge as the means of transport is convenient and they are at times picked up from the nearest stops from their homes.

Now all the women travellers have switched to KSRTC buses. During peak hours, say from 6 am to 9 am, there are only 8 to 10 buses (shuttle service) on the K.R. Nagar-Hunsur-Mysuru route and all the women climb them, jostling for space.

In the absence of women passengers, these vans, autos and pick-up vehicles are either running with only two or three male passengers or are parked on the roadsides in Hunsur. "Now husbands too have stopped giving rides to their wives as women have the option of free travel. This scheme has ruined our lives and we have vehicle loans to repay," Siddu, a pick-up vehicle driver told *Star of Mysore.*

'Shakti' propels women to go on religious tours

Mysuru, June 14 (RK&BS)- Four days have passed since the launch of the 'Shakti' scheme, offering free bus travel for women in KSRTC buses, and there has been a significant increase in the number of women devotees visiting various shrines.

Numerous women devotees are flocking to Chamundi Hill, Nanjangud, Srirangapatna, Melukote, Talakad and Mudukuthore in the district. Additionally, women are taking buses to visit Dharmasthala, Sringeri, Horanadu, Udupi, Kollur, Kateel, Murudeshwara, Gokarna, and several other renowned shrines across the State.

On Monday and Tuesday, there was a remarkable turnout of devotees at Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill and Srikanteshwara Temple in Nanjangud.

Women passengers were seen eagerly trying to board buses heading to these temples and despite crowds, women were willing to travel even while standing, making full use of the free travel facility.

Whether it is Chamundi Hill or shrines in other districts, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of women devotees at Sri Manjunatheshwara Temple in Dharmasthala, Sri Krishna Temple in Udupi, Subramanya Swamy Temple in Kukke Subramanya, Sharada Temple in Sringeri, Kollur Mookambika Temple, Kateel Sri Durgaparameshwari Temple, Sri Annapoorneshwari Temple in Horanadu, Sri Kalaseshwara Temple in Kalasa, Eshwara Temple in Murudeshwar, Atmalinga and Ganesha Temples in Gokarna, Sri Chowdeshwari Temple in Sigandur, Sri Marikamba Temple in Sirsi, Yediyur Sri Siddalingeshwara Temple and various other Temples of Karnataka.

KSRTC issues safety guidelines after school girl dies in Haveri

Mysuru, June 14 (SPN&BS)- In the light of the recent tragic incident involving a school girl who lost her life after slipping from a moving KSRTC bus in Haveri, the authorities have taken immediate action to address passenger safety concerns. Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy has issued guidelines to all Divisional Controllers (DCs) to prioritise the safety of passengers.

"It is our utmost duty to ensure the safety of all passengers travelling in our buses. The unfortunate incident in Haveri, where a girl student lost her life due to severe head injuries, is deeply regrettable," stated Minister Ramalinga Reddy, emphasising the importance of passenger safety.

According to the guidelines, drivers are required to ensure that the bus doors are in proper condition before departing from the respective depots. The bus driver should commence the journey only after receiving a signal from the conductor, ensuring that the rear door is securely locked.

It is essential to prevent passengers from travelling on the foot board of the bus. Prior to starting the vehicle, the bus driver must ensure that both the rear and front doors are closed. Furthermore, the circular from KSRTC Director (Personnel and Vigilance) states that the bus doors should not be opened until the designated stopping points, such as the bus stand or bus bay, are reached.

Pink toilet for women rendered useless

Mysuru, June 14 (PM&DM)- Just a couple of months after it was inaugurated with much hype, the first pink toilet of the city, an exclusive toilet for women, seems to have become of no use as the toilet lock is yet to be opened.

The pink toilet is located close to D. Devaraj Urs Road and Dewan's Road junction (behind Chamundi Guest House), coming under MCC Ward 23. The toilet, built at a cost of Rs. 37 lakh under MCC's 14th Finance Plan, was inaugurated by the then MLA L. Nagendra on Mar. 26, 2023.

Located in the heart of the city in a 20'x20' area, the toilet has 2 western and 2 Indian style commodes, an exclusive toilet for physically challenged, 2 bath rooms, a rest room, a lactation room for nursing mothers, a dressing room and other facilities. It also has a geyser facility.

Another interesting feature of this pink toilet is that it has a sanitary pad vending machine. A user can get a pad by inserting a Rs.5 coin. There is a burning machine too for disposal of used sanitary pads.

Despite all these facilities, this women only toilet is yet to become operational as no one has come forward to run it, it is learnt.

Meanwhile, MCC Ward 23 Corporator Pramila Bharath, who had made a lot of efforts for establishing the toilet, said that tenders were invited for running the toilet. But no tender was received and as such the toilet is yet to become operational, though it was inaugurated in March. Now, tenders have been invited again and the MCC authorities have been told to take necessary steps to throw open the toilet for use, she pointed out.

Yaduveer couple inaugurates Child Care Room at Mysuru Zoo

Mysuru, June 14 (MTY&KS)- A Child Care Room, constructed by Mysore Amity Ladies Circle 108, at Mysuru Zoo was inaugurated by Mysore royal family member Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar and his wife Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar this morning.

The dignitaries inaugurated the Child Care Room by cutting the tape and unveiling a statue of a mother and child. The Child Care Room is located near the reptile enclosures.

Speaking on the occasion, Yaduveer said that Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, popularly known as 'Mysuru Zoo', was started in 1892 and now, the Zoo has grown with a large number of birds, animals and reptiles being housed here.

Pointing out that Mysuru Zoo is one of the best zoos in Asia, Yaduveer said that lakhs of tourists, along with their children, some of them infants, visit the Zoo. He lauded Mysore Amity Ladies Circle 108 for constructing a hygienic Child Care Room, which is helpful for mothers.

Mysore Amity Ladies Circle 108 Chairperson Aparna Ranga said: "We visited the Zoo and held talks with the Executive Director, who said that many tourists bring their infants with them to the Zoo but were finding it difficult to feed their infants and take care of them. Hence we decided to construct a Child Care Room."

Zoo In-Charge Executive Director D. Mahesh Kumar, Deputy Director Roshni, members of Mysore Amity Ladies Circle 108 and others were present.

Hunsur Cops nab 3, recover Rs.18 lakh worth valuables

Mysuru, June 14 (RK&BS)- Hunsur Town Police, who were investigating into the burglary cases at Maruti and Manjunatha Layouts in the town, have arrested three on the charge of house burglary and have recovered 289 grams of gold and 2.4 kg of silver articles worth Rs. 18 lakh from them.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Seema Latkar told media persons at the conference hall at her office premises this morning: "following the arrest of the accused trio, total seven cases of house burglary including five reported in Hunsur Town Police limits, one each in Periyapatna and K.R. Nagar Police limits have been solved. The accused have criminal antecedents as they had been convicted and awarded imprisonment in the similar cases reported earlier in other districts."

The accused are Manjunath alias Chooti Manja, aged 45 years, Channapatna, Gopikrishna, 58, Hunsur and Murugesh, 45, of Channapatna. Gopikrishna had been released from jail after serving 12 years of sentence and Murugesh six years of jail term.

Inspector of Hunsur Town Police Station S.M. Devendra, ASI Puttanayaka and staff H.N. Arun, R. Prabhakar, D.A. Irfan, S.A. Manohar, Raghu, G.K. Manjunath, Ahmed Ali, Nagendra, Haleem Pasha, Tirumallesh, Vasanth Kumar, Satish and Lingarajaiah were involved in cracking the cases.

Additional SP Dr. B.N. Nandini and other Police Officers were present during the press meet.

SP Seema Latkar addressing media persons at the conference hall at her office premises this morning as others look on.

Ashada puja at Ch. Hill: GP staff take up cleaning

From Pourakarmikas to Officers and other staff of all Gram Panchayats (GPs) of Mysuru taluk engaged in cleaning of Chamundi Hill steps.

Mysuru, June 14 (MK&BS)- In view of Ashada month puja at Chamundi Hill Temple, the staff of all **Gram Panchayats (GPs)** of Mysuru taluk have undertaken cleaning activities at the hill.

The staff, led by Executive Officer (EO) of Mysuru Taluk Panchayat H.D. Girish, took up cleaning from the steps at the foot of the hill to the temple in the top, by removing weeds and shrubs, water bottles and plastic waste en route before disposing them.

EO Girish said, "It is a practice among the devotees to visit the hill, especially those having vows through the stairs for the *darshan* of presiding deity. In this wake, the hill shrine should be kept clean and free from materials that pose a threat to environment. Hence from the Pourakarmikas to Officers and other staff, all were involved in the cleaning task."

Following the directions of ZIlla Panchayat (ZP) Chief Executive Officer (CEO), we have already held a meeting of vendors at Chamundi Hill not to use plastic carry bags, added EO Girish who lauded the efforts of Pourakarmikas in maintaining cleanliness and getting rid of plastic menace.

Use cloth bag, shed plastic: Greens' call to devotees

Mysuru, June 14 (MK&BS)- With a slogan 'Plastic Bidi, Batte Bag Hidi' (Leave plastic, carry cloth bag), an environmental awareness programme was conducted at the foot of Chamundi Hill here yesterday.

Parisara Snehi Thanda, in association with KMPK Charitable Trust, spread the awareness message in a campaign, by handing over cloth bags to the devotees climbing the hill steps. Besides, placards with the above slogan was also displayed to disseminate the message effectively among the devotees.

Executive Officer (EO) of Mysuru Taluk Panchayat H.D. Girish, who inaugurated the awareness campaign, said: "Everybody should join hands for the total eradication of plastic at Chamundi Hill. The devotees visiting the hill should say no to plastic at home itself."

Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj said: "The public participation is key in stopping the use of plastic. Mysuru being a clean city, a dedicated task force will be formed to check plastic, with lakhs of devotees expected to descend on Chamundi Hill during Ashada."

President of KMPK Charitable Trust Vikram Iyengar, Lohit of Parisara Snehi Thanda, Director of Jeevadhara Blood Bank Girish, Ajay Shastri, President of Saraf Merchants Association Suresh Gold, Senior Health Inspector Shivaprasad, Environment Engineer Jyothi, Junior Health Inspector Preeti, Rakesh, Sachindra, Chakrapani, Chetan Aradhya, Basavaraju, Manjunath, Uma, Vanajakshi, Rangaswamy and Manjunath were present during the awareness programme.

4-day Theatre Fest from tomorrow

Mysuru, June 14- Kadamba Rangavedike, a renowned theatrical organisation in city, has organised a 4-day Theatre Festival at Kirurangamandira (Mini Theatre) in Kalamandira premises on Hunsur Road from June 15 to 18. Performances starts from 6.30 pm onwards each day and entry is free.

The Fest aims to showcase the best of contemporary and traditional theatre. Audiences can look forward to a range of thought-provoking plays, artistic performances and gripping storytelling. It will bring together talented actors, directors, playwrights, and production teams from across the country, showcasing their extraordinary skills and creativity. The carefully curated selection of plays will explore a variety of themes, from social issues to human emotions, offering a rich and immersive experience for all attendees.

The event will commence with the inauguration of a photo exhibition showcasing the remarkable journey of Kadamba Rangavedike, will be inaugurated on June 15 at 6 pm by S. Thippeswamy, a renowned personality in the field of photography. This unique display of photographs will provide a glimpse into the rich history and achievements of Kadamba Rangavedike, setting the tone for an evening filled with theatrical brilliance.

The Fest will be inaugurated at 6.30 pm by renowned actor and theatre personality Babu Hiranniah, accompanied by chief guests theatre person Mandya Ramesh, Kannada and Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Kannada and Culture Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudharshan and Rajashekhara Kadamba of Kadamba Rangavedike. Theatre person Prof. H.S. Umesh will preside.

Seminar & book release

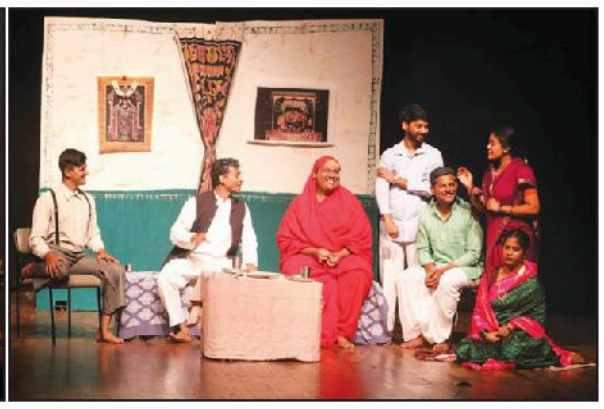
As part of the Theatre Festival, a Seminar will be held at 11 am on June 18. The Seminar, focused on the extraordinary journey of Kadamba Rangavedike, will feature renowned speakers N. Dhanajaya and Ganesha Amingad. Their insightful presentations will shed light on the artistic evolution and accomplishments of Kadamba Rangavedike. Distinguished theatre personality Megha Sameera will preside.

In celebration of the 60th Anniversary of Kadamba Rangavedike, the book, dedicated to capturing the essence of Kadamba Rangavedike's remarkable journey, will be released by theatre person H.S. Suresh Babu. This literary tribute pays homage to the enduring legacy of Kadamba Rangavedike and its contributions to the world of theatre.

SCHEDULE

Date	Play	Team
June 15	'Mai Thennu Phir Milangi' (Director: Nataraj Honnavalli)	Shantala Kalavidaru, Chamarajanagar
June 16	'Situ Maduve' (Director: Shylesh Kumar)	Side Wing, Bengaluru
June 17	'Kari Rayana Charithe' (Director: D. Thipanna)	Yaksha Ranga, Mysuru
June 18	'Irulu Hagalaguvudarolage' (Director: Prof. H.S. Umesh)	Kadamba Rangavedike, Mysuru

'Mai Thennu Phir Milangi'



'Situ Maduve'

'Kari Rayana Charithe'

'Irulu Hagalaguvudarolage'

Veena Maestro M.J. Sreenivasa Iyengar's Birth Centenary Celebrations inaugurated

Sreenivasa Iyengar

Mysuru, June 14- Dr. R.S. Jayalaksmi, veteran artiste and Professor in Veena (retd.), University of Madras, inaugurated the birth centenary celebrations of the legendary Veena Maestro M.J. Sreenivasa Iyengar (well-known in the music circles as Vid. MJS), on May 20, by lighting a lamp, followed by a concert, at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road in city.

The year-long centenary celebrations are being organised by the renowned Guru's students, admirers and his family members, with veena concerts numbering over twenty scheduled to be held at many places across South Karnataka, and a national-level competition for the potential young vainikas.

Vid. MJS has been among the foremost artistes in the famed 'Mysore School of Veena' and has been hailed as a teacher par-excellence. He has the credit of moulding a number of talented youngsters into performing artistes, who have further carried on the tradition with love and earnestness. Born in a family of artistes from Dodda Magge in Arakalagud taluk, MJS had his initial lessons in vocal music and veena from his father Janardhana Iyengar. He then went on to become one of the "Trinity" Shishyas of Veena Venkatagiriyappa, a direct disciple of the legendary Veene Seshanna. The other two of this trinity were Vid. Doreswamy Iyengar and Vid. R.N. Doreswamy.

Dr. R.S. Jayalaksmi, veteran artiste and Professor in Veena (retd.), University of Madras, presenting a Veena Concert at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road in city on May 20 marking the inauguration of birth centenary celebrations of the legendary Veena Maestro M.J. Sreenivasa Iyengar (Vid. MJS).

Vid. MJS started his musical career at the young age of 20 years (1944) and continued to serve the cause of the art till about 2008, after which he lost his hearing ability. He is often credited with the achievement of bringing about a renaissance in the Mysore School of Veena, by introducing the "gaayaki (vocalised)" style of playing, which is characterised by very intricate and involved gamakas of great musical content. Interestingly, his gamakas influenced a whole generation of young veena players of the State during the 60s and 70s. The list of his illustrious students includes Vidu. Subhadra Nagaraj, who rose to become an accompanist of Vid. Emani Sankara Shastry in many of his concerts, top grade artistes of AIR A.S. Padma, M.K. Saraswati, Mysore Rajalaksmi, S.V. Sahana and many others.

Vid. MJS himself was an A-Top grade artiste of AIR and had been honoured with many awards, which, of course, came his way only towards the end of the career. He was the first person to receive the Ananya Life Time Achievement Award and the first vainika to receive the State Government's annual Kanaka-Purandara Award.

Vid. MJS' admirers have instituted 'MJS Memorial Concerts' in the city Sabhas and have strived to help the cause of the tradition of veena playing, which is said to be waning of late.

The centenary celebrations are planned to include performances by almost all the renowned veena artistes across South India and publication of a couple of books. The celebrations are scheduled to conclude at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, in May 2024.

Mysuru Film City gets big push: CM to take it up after Budget

Film personalities meet Siddharamaiah urging him to give shape to project

Mysuru, June 14 (BLU&BCT)- With Siddharamaiah firmly back in the Chief Minister's seat, the limelight has returned to Mysuru and the first among the major plans that he will initiate in his hometown will be the long-pending Film City project.

As a prelude to the Film City finally becoming a reality, a group of noted actors and Directors appealed to Siddharamaiah to allocate funds in the forthcoming Budget. The CM met a delegation led by noted Film Director and Producer, Rajendra Singh Babu yesterday to get inputs for the budget to be presented on July 7.

Others in the delegation were Directors Girish Kasaravalli, T.N. Seetharam, Lingadevaru and Nanjundegowda, senior actors Srinivasmurthy and Vijayalakshmi Singh and Commissioner of Information and Public Relations Department Hemanth Nimbalkar

The Chief Minister assured the delegation that he will take up the project as the film fraternity has been demanding it for the last four decades. He said another round of discussions about the project will be held after the Budget.

Directors and other film personalities explained to the CM about the benefits of establishing the Film City in Mysuru and responding to the request, the CM told them that he will personally take an initiative to set up the mega project at Himmavu near Varuna and hold another round of talks post-Budget to make the project a reality.

The Film City was first proposed in the 1980s at Hesaraghatta near Bengaluru during the tenure of the then CM Ramakrishna Hegde. In 2017 during the reign of Siddharamaiah the Congress Government had allotted 110 acres of land at Himmavu and also announced Rs.25 crore grant for the Film City.

When Kumaraswamy took over as CM in 2018, the Film City location was shifted to Ramanagara and to Bengaluru in 2019 during the Government headed by Yediyurappa who planned it at Devika Rani Roerich Estate in Tataguni. After severe backlash from environmentalists, Yediyurappa shifted the Film City project back to Hesaraghatta.

However, due to paucity of land at Hesaraghatta — it needs at least 100 acres of land — the project was shifted back to Mysuru in 2021. Once established, the facility aims to accommodate up to 5,000 individuals simultaneously, including artists, technicians, workers and other professionals involved in film production.

The project has generated high expectations within the tourism industry stakeholders, as it is anticipated to enhance tourism in and around Mysuru. The region boasts over 250 tourist sites, and retaining the Film City project in Mysuru would greatly benefit both the film industry and individuals dependent on the tourism sector.

Fans mob actor Sudeep at Chamundi Hill Temple

Mysuru, June 14 (BLU& BCT)- Multi-language star *Kichcha* Sudeep paid a visit to Chamundi Hill yesterday to seek the blessings of Goddess Chamundeshwari.

As soon as news spread about the actor's presence at the temple, a significant number of fans flocked to catch a glimpse of him, resulting in a large crowd that posed a challenge for the Police to manage the situation.

However, the gathering of a large number of people led to utter chaos, causing disruption during Sudeep's *darshan* of the Goddess. This incident left Sudeep embarrassed.

Furthermore, some fans expressed their support for Sudeep by chanting slogans in the Temple premises.

Kalisu Foundation inaugurates

90th Library, 1st Play Area at Govt. School

Mysuru, June 14 - Kalisu Foundation, an NGO working to make books accessible to the children studying in Government Schools through building libraries, inaugurated its 90th Library and first Play Area for the children of Government Higher Primary School in Keelanapur, Varuna Hobli, Mysuru on June 12.

Kalisu is impacting more than 21,000 students in 90-plus Schools through a network of volunteers.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji inaugurated the facilities along with Kalisu Ambassador Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Gundlupet MLA H.M. Ganesh Prasad and former Varuna MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah.

M.M. Nikhilesh, CEO & Founder of Kalisu Foundation, Ramachandra Raje Urs, DDPI, P. Shivaraju, Additional Regional Commissioner and Girish Ramaswamy, Head of Engineering, Vitesco Technologies India Pvt. Ltd were also present during the inaugural.

Students and villagers were excited to see both Suttur Swamiji and Yaduveer together and sought their blessings. Around 1,500 people from the neighbouring villages attended.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar and a village elder seen inaugurating facilities provided by Kalisu Foundation as M.M. Nikhilesh, CEO & Founder of Kalisu Foundation looks on.

Project Jnanalaya: Learning outside the classroom emphasises on developing the habit of reading among children and the best way to do this would be through a library. Project Jnanalaya looks into setting up libraries and making books accessible to children at every school.

Designing, concept development, painting walls, book shelves, tables, books, visual aids and art work was done by the Foundation, thus creating a space for children to read. This library has about 3,450 books in Kannada as well as English languages ranging from encyclopedia, history, story books, art and culture, geography, novels, classics, Science fiction, poetry, biography and autobiography, comics and self-help books.

Kalisu Play: Playing is a natural and enjoyable way for children to keep active, stay well and be happy. To have a good physical and mental health and to learn life skills, they need various unstructured play opportunities from birth until they are teenagers.

Kalisu Play, which looks into organising games and sports in schools through the year, has set up the entire play area consisting of 3 slides, swings, see-saws, monkey bar, climbing bar, merry-go-round, spring ducks, along with volleyball court, kho-kho ground and other play equipments to the School. Library and Play Area is sponsored by corporate company Vitesco Technologies India Pvt. Ltd.

Udyoga Mela at B'luru

Bengaluru, June 14- Bengaluru Hoteliers Association has organised a Udyoga Mela (Job Fair) at KSDC office in Kaushalya Bhavan at Dairy Circle in Bengaluru on June 15.

Employers will be holding direct interview for the posts of Steward, Captain, Assistant Cook (Aduge Sahayaka), Waiter (Mani), Supervisor and Head Cook (Banasiga). SSLC, PUC or Diploma pass/ fail candidates or anyone interested may apply.

Salary may range from Rs. 13,000 to Rs. 16,000. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2970815, according to a press release from the District Skill Development Officer.

WORD OF THE DAY

Blandishment

Pronunciation: BLAN-dish-munt.
Meaning: A blandishment is something said or done in order to coax or persuade an individual or group to do something. The word is usually used in its plural form, blandishments.
Origin: When Star Wars audiences first meet former smuggler Lando Calrissian—played iconically by Billy Dee Williams—in The Empire Strikes Back, he is full of blandishments, offering flattery (telling Leia "You truly belong here with us among the clouds") and gifts to our heroes in the form of food and drink ("Will you join me for a little refreshment?") in order to entice them into what we soon discover is a trap. Notably, before the whole sordid deal goes down (and before Lando's eventual redemption), Han Solo calls him "an old smoothie." Lando's verbal smoothness can be linked to blandishment too: the word was formed from the verb blandish, meaning "to coax with flattery." Blandish ultimately comes from the Latin adjective blandus, meaning "mild" or "flattering," source too of our adjective bland, which typically describes things boring and flavorless but which can also mean "smooth and soothing in manner or quality"—a meaning that also applies to everyone's favorite Cloud City administrator.
Example: "Justices across the ideological spectrum have been accused of failing to make pertinent financial disclosures, accepting dubious blandishments, rejecting well-founded calls for recusal, engaging in questionable political and financial activity, and much else that would raise the eyebrows of any reasonable observer." — Bloomberg Opinion, 5 May 2023.

THE ODD WORD

Barbarocracy

Government by barbarians.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

What is over the hill?

Meaning: To describe someone considered to be past their prime, mostly in terms of age. It's a statement that says, "Hey, you've reached a point in your life where you're no longer young or energetic." In most cases, it's used in a light-hearted, humorous way toward someone you know well. But it could have a negative connotation if you used it as a hurtful comment.
Origin: It came around during mid-1900s and originated in England. The idea of a "hill" is supposed to represent metaphorical peak of your life, with the "climb" up the hill meant to show youth & growth, and the final descent on the other side is the decline that inevitably comes with age. So, when someone's "over the hill," they've passed their prime and are considered by others to be on the downward slope of life. It sounds sad, but it's the truth of it.

QUOTE BOX

It's easier to go down a hill than up it but the view is much better at the top. **—Henry Ward Beecher**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

KNOCK
TIMBER

Answer: Knock on wood.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Pierce with pointed weapon
5 Old time classic movie___ Ara
9 Russian space station
12 What the well-dressed Roman wore
13 Refrain from interfering with (3,5)
15 Epic poetry
16 Storms, heavy downpours
17 Make more secure
19 Quote a passage from a book or an author in support
20 Coniferous tree
21 Prey
23 Commenced
26 Public vehicle
27 Adolf's bride
28 Quiet period
29 Sat. preceder
30 A false biblical god
31 Acute Resp. Infection
32 Cry of disapproval
33 Fine silk material
34 Trouble or worry
36 Nought
37 Egyptian deity
38 In addition
42 Moved unsteadily; vacillated
44 Lorre role
45 Stroked or fondled
46 Hankering
47 Responses abbreviation
48 Cheerio! (2-2)
49 Choti si ___... : that sweet song from "Roja"?

DOWN
1 Let it stand!
2 "I opt" to change into a local headgear?
3 In a tizzy
4 Shy or diffident, timid
5 Change
6 Exodus author __ Uris
7 Air Transp. Radio
8 Mr. Trescothick of English cricket
9 Canadian city
10 Intermission
11 A matter of legal importance in Latin
14 Star Wars princess
18 A metal
21 French for 'who'
22 US college or famous lock?
23 Talk indiscreetly
24 Of the Continent
25 Shines
26 Brother, in short
29 In place of
30 Eating disorder
32 Earnest request
33 "It is" contraction
35 To have extreme dislike
36 Soprano character of Pagliacci
38 Borscht ingredient
39 They go with the dashes in morse code
40 Create artworks by acid corrosion of metal, glass etc
41 Chotta Nawab's sister seen in Rang De Basanti
42 Terminal Control Area, abbr.
43 Natal land, abbr.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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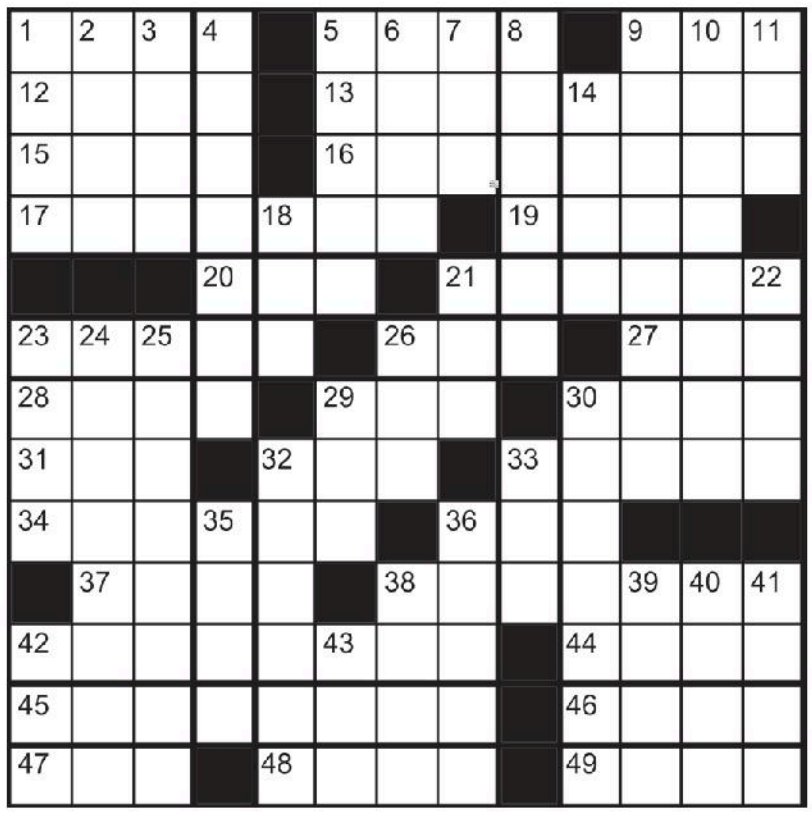

SUDOKU

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8			2		4			5
	2			1			6	
7			5		6			9
	8	7		2		6	9	
		3	8		7	5		

Answer to previous puzzle

4	3	5	9	7	1	2	6	8
1	8	6	3	4	2	9	7	5
2	9	7	5	8	6	1	3	4
9	5	1	7	3	4	6	8	2
3	7	4	2	6	8	5	1	9
8	6	2	1	9	5	7	4	3
6	4	9	8	2	7	3	5	1
7	1	3	4	5	9	8	2	6
5	2	8	6	1	3	4	9	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

RSMU M DLUG, RSTB YSALOUXDSTA YXWXFJCO

NLOYXHTATN MFTALYM, USMU ST THTA FTBULXBTN LU.

TODAY'S CLUE: S EQUALS H

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: It is no use to blame the looking glass if your face is awry.

MOVIE LOVERS

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  Por Thozhil (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  Gadayuddha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 99008-20093
  Darbar -2023 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Darbar -2023 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
  Melody Drama (K) - 4 Shows
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  Veeram (K) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — Ph: 2452958
  PS 2 (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Ph: 2497199
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- **Uma Theatre** — Ph: 2520009
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Spider Man (E)	(S-1)	10.40 am, 1.30 pm, 10 pm
Zara Hatke Zara Bachke (H)	(S-1)	4.15 pm
Daredevil Musthafa (K)	(S-1)	6.55 pm; (S-3) 10.30 am, 9.50 pm
Sthabdha (K)	(S-2)	10.40 am
Darbar -2023 (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Matte Maduve (K)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Gadar Ek Prem Katha (H)	(S-2)	6.15 pm
Melody Drama (K)	(S-2)	10.05 pm
Takkar (Ta)	(S-3)	1.35 pm, 4.20 pm
The Kerala Story (H)	(S-3)	7.05 pm
Transformers: Rise of Beasts (E)	(S-4)	11.05 am, 1.45 pm, 7.15, 9.55 pm
Fast X (E-3D)	(S-4)	4.25 pm

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Daredevil Musthafa (K)	:	1.15 pm, 4 pm, 7.15 pm
The Kerala Story (H)	:	1.15 pm
Transformers: Rise of Beasts (E-3D)	:	1.30 pm, 4 pm 6.30 pm, 9 pm
Melody Drama (K)	:	4 pm, 6.45 pm
Darbar -2023 (K)	:	4.20 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

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Zara Hatke Zara Bachke (H)	:	10.25 am, 4.20 pm, 10.15 pm
Transformers: Rise of Beasts (E-3D)	:	10.50 am, 1.45 pm, 4.40 pm 7.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Transformers: Rise of Beasts (H-3D)	:	12.40 pm, 3.35 pm, 9.30 pm
Takkar (Ta)	:	11.35 am, 3.05 pm, 9.15 pm
Daredevil Musthafa (K)	:	11.45 am, 3.25 pm, 9.45 pm
The Kerala Story (H)	:	12.25 pm, 6.45 pm
Spider-man (E)	:	1.15 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.00 pm
Gadayuddha (K)	:	2.35 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	5.50 pm
2018 (Ma)	:	6.05 pm
Fast X (E-3D)	:	6.30 pm
Melody Drama (K)	:	7.00 pm

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Transformers: Rise of Beasts (E-3D)	:	10.20 am, 1.15 pm, 4.10 pm 7.05 pm, 10 pm
Daredevil Musthafa (K)	:	11.55 am, 4.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Takkar (Te)	:	12 noon, 7.30 pm
Spider-man (E)	:	12.15 pm, 6.25 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	3.00 pm
Fast X (E-3D)	:	3.25 pm
Zara Hatke Zara Bachke (H)	:	3.45 pm, 9.45 pm
Darbar -2023 (K)	:	6.35 pm
The Kerala Story (H)	:	9.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JUNE 14)

- **Hi Life:** Fashion Exhibition, Radisson Blu Plaza, M.G. Road, **up to 8 pm.**
- **Rotary Mysore Midtown and WeKREATE SPACE:** Conferring of 'Rotary Mysore Midtown-Wekreate Sports Award 2022-23' on promising Golfer Vidhartri K. Urs by Dr. Usha Hegde (Professor and HoD, Oral Pathology & Micro Biology, IRON MAN achiever), Rotary Hall, opposite MUDA, JLB Road, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JUNE 15)

- **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India and Nehru Yuva Kendra, Mysuru district:** District-level 'Yuva Utsava' programme, Maharani's Women's Arts College, **10 am to 5 pm.**
- **GSSS School of Architecture for Women, Mysuru:** Inauguration of 2-day 'Archiyouthsav-2023' by Ar. Mohan Rao Principal Designer, Integrated Design (INDE), Bengaluru, Seminar Hall, Second Floor, GSSSIETW campus, KRS Road, **10 am.**
- **Hi Life:** Fashion Exhibition, Radisson Blu Plaza, M.G. Road, **10 am to 8 pm.**
- **MMK & SDM Mahila Mahavidyalaya:** 'Prabhijnan' Inter-College Competition 2023, artiste and advocate Vikas Uttaiah inaugurates, Principal Prof. Sainath Malligemadu presides, PU College Principal Prof. Nayanakumari guest of honour, College premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **10 am.**
- **Kadamba Rangavedike, Mysuru:** Inauguration of photo exhibition showcasing the remarkable journey of Kadamba Rangavedika by S. Thippeswamy, a renowned personality in the field of photography, **6 pm;** Inauguration of 4-day Theatre Festival by renowned actor and theatre personality Baabu Hiranniah, accompanied by chief guests theatre person Mandya Ramesh, Kannada and Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Kannada and Culture Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudharshan and Rajashekhara Kadamba of Kadamba Rangavedike, Prof. H.S. Umesh presides; Staging of play 'Mai Thennu Phir Milangi' by Shantala Kalavidaru, Chamarajanagar (Director: Nataraj Honnavalli), Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, Hunsur Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Children's Literary Club:** Staging of play 'Stage Chemistry: Neuro-Psychiatric Disorders on Stage,' 340th Show of the play and 303rd one-woman show by Dr. R. Purnima (formerly Professor of English, KSOU and presently, Director, Children's Literary Club, Mysuru), Sri Sathya Sai Baba PU College, Jayalakshmipuram, **6 pm.** [Mob: 96323-15924]
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Bhagavad Gita,' Ashram, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Chinmaya Mission:** Krishna Rao Prakash delivers discourse on 'Pathanjaliya Yoga Sutragalu - Samadhi Pada,' Datta Sannidhi, Chinmaya Mission, Gokulam, **6 pm.**

New team of ACCE(I) Mysore Centre

SITTING FROM LEFT: ***Er. S. Shashiraj, Secretary 2021-23, Er. H.S. Deepak, Chairman 2021-23, Dr. M.U. Aswath, former President ACCE (I), Dr. S. Raviraj, Chairman 2023-25 and Dr. G.P. Chandradhara, Secretary 2023-25;*** STANDING FROM LEFT: ***Dr. B.S. Keerthi Gowda, Treasurer - 2023-25, Dr. S.K. Prasad, Er. M.S. Ramprasad, Er. S.B. Basavaraja, Er. R. Ravi, Er. V. Srinath, Er. Ashwin R. Pallegar, Er. Niranjan Simha, Er. H.P. Sharath & Er. M.B. Vikram - all Committee Members.***

Mysuru, June 14- The installation ceremony of new team of **Association of Consulting Civil Engineers-India (ACCE-I),** Mysore Centre, for the term 2023-25 was held on June 3 at Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Auditorium, National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Manandavadi Road, Mysuru.

Past Chairman Er. H.S. Deepak welcomed. Past Hon. Secretary, Er. S. Shashiraj presented the Annual Report for the year 2022-23.

Chief guest Dr. M.U. Aswath, former President, ACCE (I) and Principal, BIT, Bengaluru, installed the office-bearers and Managing Committee Members for the term 2023-25.

Incoming Chairman Dr. S. Raviraj briefed on the vision for 2023-25 in his acceptance speech. Incoming Secretary Dr. G.P Chandradhara proposed a vote of thanks.

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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Transformers: Rise of Beasts (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.20 am, 4.10 pm 7.05 pm, 10.00 pm
	(S-4)	11.20 am, 6.05 pm, 9 pm
	(S-3)	1.15 pm
The Kerala Story (H)	(S-2)	10 am, 4.10 pm
Daredevil Musthafa (K)	(S-2)	12.50 pm, 7.10 pm
Takkar (Ta)	(S-3)	10.10 am, 7.20 pm
Melody Drama (K)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
Darbar - 2023 (K)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Zara Hatke Zara Bachke (H)	(S-3)	10.20 pm
Fast X (3D-E)	(S-4)	2.15 pm
Spiderman (E)	(S-2)	10.30 pm
Trailer Screening Show	(S-4)	5.20 pm

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Daredevil Musthafa (K)	(S-1)	10.05 am, 4.05 pm
Zara Hatke Zara Bach Ke (H)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
The Kerala Story (H)	(S-1)	10.25 pm
Spiderman (E)	(S-1)	7.25 pm
Transformers: Rise of Beasts (E-3D)	(S-3)	9.45 am, 6.35 pm, 9.30 pm
Transformers: Rise of Beasts (E-3D) (with atmos)	(S-2)	10.50 am, 1.45 pm, 4.40 pm 7.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Takkar (Te)	(S-3)	12.35 pm; (S-4) 10.10 pm
Matte Maduve (K)	(S-4)	12 noon
Melody Drama (K)	(S-3)	3.35 pm
Darbar - 2023 (K)	(S-4)	7.00 pm
Gadayuddha (K)	(S-4)	3.45 pm
Trailers Screening Show	(S-4)	3.00 pm

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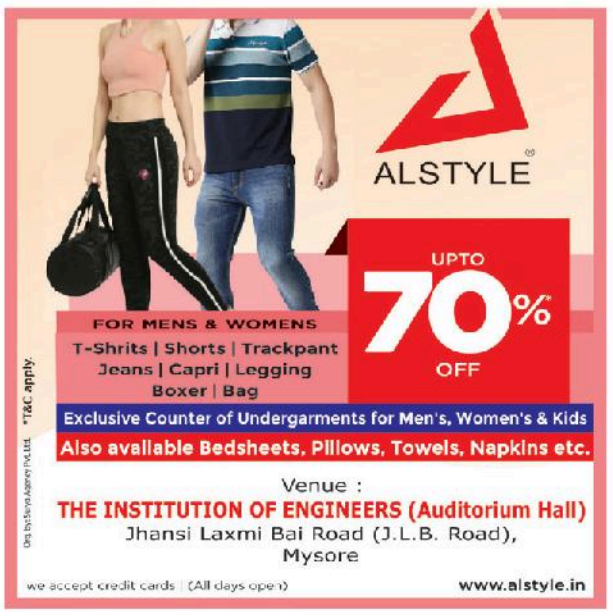

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